

County Connection



OCTOBER 2008

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 12
Columbus Day
Nat'l. Children's Day
Clergy Appreciation Day

October 16
National Boss Day

October 31
Halloween

November 2
Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 3
Flu Shots
EAC Dues Turned In

November 4
Election Day

November 21
Employee Health Fair

County United Way Campaign Kicks Off with Day of Action



Henry County employees sprang into Day of Action, September 11, marking the official kick-off to the United Way campaign.

Several employees participated in the County's annual food and supplies drive. A special thanks to Wayne Cochran, Randy Wagoner, Mike Webb, Nate Riddle, David Bowyer and Tim Hall for their assistance in sorting the canned foods and supplies and to all of the maintenance guys for delivering the items to the various agencies.

This year, the County also participated in the extreme make-over project at the Mission Center. Several local agencies and businesses took part in the two-day project which included painting inside and outside, replacing carpet, and adding some new furnishings for the chapel, library and office space.

The volunteers worked hard and never complained, leaving the Center a much more comfortable and warmer feeling place than before. Employees participating in the Mission Center project included Wade Nester, Christine Elliott, Dawn Futrell, Deborah Searce, Carolyn Cecil, and J.R. Powell.

Henry County employees gave true meaning to the United Way campaign slogan encouraging everyone to "LIVE UNITED" to make a difference in your community. We are grateful for your continued support.



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The Sweet Smell of Success

By Michelle Via

Last year's cookie contest was such a sweet success, the EAC decided to expand to a cake baking contest. Heather Tatum, 21st District Court Services coordinated the bake-off which was a big hit! Sweet aromas filled the room where tables were lined with 16 mouth-watering entries, and a three-judge panel eagerly awaited the challenge of choosing the winning cake. It was a tough decision, but Judge Armstrong, Paula Burnette and Wayne Cochran named Sharon Foley's carrot cake, the blue ribbon winner, earning her a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. Second place and \$25 gift card also went to Sharon Foley for her red velvet pound cake. Debbie St. John came in a close third for her German chocolate cake winning a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card. Last, but certainly not least, was the People's Choice Award going to Linda Fain for her honey bun cake. The EAC wishes to thank everyone who participated in making this event possible. For participants and recipes, see Cook of the County.



Sharon Foley proudly boasts her 1st and 2nd place ribbons for her carrot cake and red velvet pound cake and winning two Wal-Mart gift cards.

Debbie St. John's German chocolate cake takes 3rd place accolade.



Linda Fain takes home the trophy for People's Choice Award for her honey bun cake.



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Soccer Complex Construction on Schedule

Article from Martinsville Bulletin

Construction on the Smith River Sports Complex is proceeding on schedule according to Dennis Toney, Executive Director of the Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority.

Currently, the concession building roof is being installed, and work is continuing on a sidewalk and parking lot.

"There are a lot of things going on right now," Toney said. "The rain hasn't slowed them down."

The \$8.7 million Harvest funded project is expected to be finished by June 2009. The Recreation Facilities Authority will own and operate the complex once it is completed.

So far, the field grading is "probably 99 percent finished," Toney said.

He added he hopes the parking lot will be done in the next month to month and a half.

Light towers are up and "hopefully in the next 30 days, the light towers will be electrified, and we'll be able to turn them on by mid-to late October," Toney said.

Next steps include installing fencing, which could start "any time now," and working on installation of the grass. Plans call for natural turf on most of the fields, and synthetic grass planned for the two championship fields could start being installed in the next 30 days. Both real and artificial turf will have to be installed before the weather gets too cold, Toney said.

Toney said he anticipates the buildings will be done by December 15. Work remaining in the spring would be mostly landscaping. The last step will be building an access road from Irisburg Road.



Fall Smith River Clean-up

Week of September 29th – Highway Clean-up

Saturday, October 4th – Smith River Clean-up
Fieldale Ball Park
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Complimentary snacks, drinks and gifts for all volunteers

To Pre-Register, contact Gateway Streetscape Foundation
634-4674 or 634-4622



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Cook of the County

The EAC Cake Baking Contest was a big success thanks to all those who participated. While a couple of the winners chose not to divulge their secret recipes, following are the first and second place winning recipes along with all participants and cakes. If there is a cake you would like the recipe for, please let me know and I will try to publish it in the newsletter next month.

Sharon Foley - Finance

Entry #17 – Layered Carrot Cake

2 C. sugar
2 C. plain flour
2 t. soda
1 ½ t. cinnamon
1 ½ C. Wesson oil
3 C. shredded carrots
4 whole eggs
1 t. salt
1 t. vanilla

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour into greased and floured round cake pans. Bake at 325 for 35 minutes.

Icing

8 oz. cream cheese
1 box powdered sugar
1 stick butter
1 C. chopped pecans
2 t. vanilla

Cream butter and cream cheese; add sugar gradually; add vanilla and nuts; mix well. Allow cake to cool completely before icing.



Entry #15 – Red Velvet Pound Cake

1 ½ C. butter, softened
3 C. sugar
5 large eggs
3 C. all-purpose flour
1/3 C. unsweetened cocoa powder
½ t. salt
¼ t. baking soda
1 C. whole buttermilk
1 oz. bottle red food coloring
1 t. distilled white vinegar
1 t. vanilla

Preheat oven to 325. Grease and flour 12-cup fluted pan. In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar at medium-high speed with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. In a medium bowl, combine flour, cocoa, salt, and baking soda. In a small bowl, combine buttermilk, food coloring, vinegar and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, alternate with buttermilk mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Spoon batter into prepared pan and bake for 50-60 minutes, or until wood pick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack.

Cream Cheese Glaze

3 oz. cream cheese
1 ½ C. confectioner's sugar
1 T. milk

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese at low speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until combined. Add milk, beating until smooth. Drizzle over cooled cake.



Cake Bakers

Debbie St. John

21st District Court Service Unit
No Name Cake

Edith's German Chocolate Cake
OMG! The Chocolate Bomb Cake

Patricia Foley

Planning
Carrot Cake

Laura Graham

Building & Grounds
Honey Apple Cake

Priscilla Spencer

Planning
Sour Cream Pound Cake

Linda Fain

21st District Court Service Unit
Honey Bun Cake
Irena's Pound Cake

Teresa Prillaman

CA's Office
Pineapple Pudding Cake

Gladys King

Engineering & Mapping
German Chocolate Cake

Glenda Stallings

Treasurer
Swiss Hershey Bar Cake

Terri Webster

Commissioner of Revenue
Raspberry Chocolate Buttercream Cake
Hungry Jack Chocolate Chip Coffee Cake

Sharon Foley

Finance
Layered Carrot Cake
Red Velvet Pound Cake
Fresh Apple Cake

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Who's Packing Your Parachute?

Author Unknown

Submitted by Dale Wagoner

Charles Plumb, a US Naval Academy graduate, was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man then pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb replied, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept pondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform. I wondered how many times I might have seen him and not even said good morning, how are you or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what he or she needs to make it through the day.

Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory – he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. His experience reminds us all to prepare ourselves to weather whatever storms lie ahead.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, October 25, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Rain or Shine

2285 Fairystone Park Highway

Bassett, VA

(across from Bassett Office Supply)

Dispose of solvents, paints, fuels, automobile fluids and batteries, computer components, printer cartridges and old cell phones. For more information call 634-4674, 634-4622, or 634-2503

(Sponsored by Blue Ridge Solvents & Coatings, Southwest Virginia Battery, Henry County, City of Martinsville and Gateway Streetscape Foundation)



"Trash to Riches" Recycled Art Contest

3-D Art Constructed from Recyclable Materials

Open to Local Youth in
Martinsville-Henry County
Grades K-12

Deadline for Submission to Gateway –
November 10, 2008

Winners announced November 28th
Monetary prizes to be awarded by age group

For more information and
to obtain an entry form,
call 634-4674 or 634-4622

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October Birthdays

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 Jason Gardner | 3 | 4 Jimmie Wright James Snead Randy Wagoner Kyle Dowley |
| 5 Lonnie Rodgers | 6 | 7 | 8 Carolyn Cecil Jimmy Adams | 9 | 10 David "Shorty" McMahan | 11 |
| 12 Glenda Comer | 13 Mike Webb | 14 Kelly Mack Sheila Scott | 15 David Morse | 16 Wendy Fallin | 17 Mark Heath | 18 |
| 19 Deborah Minter | 20 | 21 | 22 Susan Biege Christine Elliott Glenn Stokes Jason Stewart | 23 | 24 Steven Ball | 25 Gaylan Williams Wayne Withers |
| 26 Dwain Horsley | 27 | 28 Marty Phillips | 29 | 30 Robert Wade | 31 | |